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Dear Mr. Tymkowych:

SUBJECT: Extension Request for Less Than 90-Day Storage Area, TA-59, Building 154, South Lot, Site ID# 1038

The purpose of this letter is to submit a 30 day extension request by the Department of Energy (DOE) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) for the storage of hazardous waste at Technical Area 59, Building 154, South Lot. The waste management unit is Site ID #1038, a less than 90-day storage area. The storage extension request is being made pursuant to the case-by-case determination basis of the New Mexico Administrative Code, Title 20, Chapter 4, Part 1, Subpart III, §262.34(b).

The waste in question consists of four 4-liter bottles of radioactive waste that cannot be disposed of until analytical results have been received. The waste was to be analyzed at the CMR building but was preempted because of the Stand down. An off-site laboratory was therefore located and samples from two of the four bottles of this radioactive waste were shipped on November 24, 1997. A special container is apparently required to send samples of the remaining two bottles and those containers have not as yet been located. The four bottles will be stored in the less than 90-day storage area until analytical results are available and the appropriate disposal option selected. Based on the difficulties encountered, it appears that the characterization process will not be completed by December 7, 1997 when the waste will exceed storage requirements. Therefore, LANL is requesting this storage extension to determine and implement the appropriate waste management option for these items. If approved, the storage period will extend to January 6, 1998.



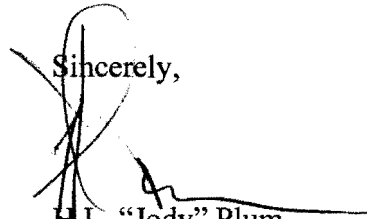
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If there are any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (505) 665-5042.

Sincerely,



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